

Application No.: 09/818,653
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 dated May 13, 2004
Reply to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the Title of the Invention as follows:

HOLOGRAPHIC OPTICAL ELEMENT HAVING A DIVIDED DIFFRACTION
SURFACE AND AN [[,]] OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND OPTICAL RECORDING
MEDIUM DRIVE EMPLOYING THE SAME HAVING A DIVIDED DIFFRACTION
ELEMENT.

Amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 17 – 23 to read as follows:

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In the optical pickup apparatus in FIG. ~~[[24]]~~ 23 using the holographic optical element 508, the operation described with reference to FIG. 21 and FIG. 22 can similarly be achieved. In this case, the photodetector 507 has a four-segment photodetection part 160 and two two-segment photodetection parts 161 and 162 similarly to the case of the photodetector 309 in FIG. 21.